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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Patrick ALEXANDRE et al.

Group Art Unit: 3763

Application No.: 10/585,574

Examiner: M. DESANTO

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For: NEEDLELESS SYRINGE PROVIDED WITH A DAMPING INJECTOR
RECEPTACLE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 1, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0050596 to Alexandre et al. ("Alexandre") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,004,287 to Loomis et al. ("Loomis"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Alexandre and Loomis either alone or in combination fail to disclose each and every feature recited in claim 1. For example, Alexandre and Loomis either alone or in combination fail to disclose "the lateral wall of the bore comprises at least one protuberance reducing the cross section relative to the upstream opening of the bore," as recited in claim 1. The Office Action agrees that Alexandre fails to disclose this feature. However, the Office Action asserts that Loomis remedies this deficiency. Applicants respectfully disagree.